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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ZAIRE DEBT RESCHEDULING

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1. EMBOFF INFORMED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MUELLER-THUNS IN ECONMIN ABOUT RECEIPT OF GOZ NOTE AND OF POSITION WHICH U.S. IS TAKING IN NEGOTIATING BILATERAL DEBT AGREEMENT. MUELLER-THUNS SAID THAT THE FRG IS IN FULL AGREEMENT THAT THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO DEBTS DUE BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1976 AND JUNE 30, 1976 AND ALSO THAT THE AGREEMENTS SHOULD COVER BOTH PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST. WHILE INDICATING THAT HE COULD NOT GIVE AN OFFICIAL FRG POSITION, MUELLER-THUNS ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS "99 PERCENT SURE" THAT FRG WOULD TAKE SAME POSITION AS U.S. IN PRESSING GOZ TO ACCEPT TWO-FOLD APPROACH SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF REFTEL.

2. ACCORDING TO MUELLER-THUNS, FRG HAS JUST SENT DRAFT  
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BILATERAL AGREEMENT TO ITS EMBASSY IN KINSHASA FOR

CONSIDERATION BY GOZ. FRG DRAFT DEALS WITH BILATERAL INVESTMENT AND EXPROPRIATION ISSUES AS WELL. WHILE FRG DRAFT AVOIDS A FIRM LINKING BETWEEN SETTLEMENT OF EXPROPRIATION ISSUES AND BILATERAL RESCHEDULING, THE DRAFT PROVISIONS ON EXPROPRIATION ISSUES BEGIN WITH STATEMENT THAT IT IS THE ASSUMPTION (WIR GEHEN DAVON AUS) THAT GOZ WILL TAKE MEASURES TO EFFECTUATE THE PAYMENTS TRANSFERS RELATED TO PREVIOUS NATIONALIZATION OF GERMAN INVESTMENTS.

3. TAKING NOTE OF THE PONDEROUS DECISION-MAKING MACHINERY WITHIN THE GOZ, MUELLER-THUNS EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE DOUBT THAT EITHER THE U.S. OR FRG BILATERAL COULD BE SIGNED BY THE END OF OCTOBER.  
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